



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Address: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
087785,559	01/17/97	WEINRICH	A 9276.2

PENNIE & EDMONDS, LLP  
1155 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS  
NEW YORK NY 10036-2711

LM41/1293

EXAMINER

HAVAN, T

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
2779	#15

DATE MAILED:

12/23/99

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

**Response to Rule 312  
Communication**

Application No.	08/785,559	Applicant(s)
Weinreich et al.		
Examiner	Thu Thao Havan	Group Art Unit 2771

- The petition filed on Dec 14, 1999 under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.

---

Gerald Goldburg  
Director,  
Patent Examining Group 2700

- The amendment filed on Dec 14, 1999 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- entered.  
 entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention (Order 3311).  
 disapproved. See explanation below.  
 entered in part. See explanation below.

*Hosain Alam*  
HOSAIN T. ALAM  
PRIMARY EXAMINER  
AU 2771